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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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For: APAPTIVE VARIABLE-LENGTH CODING AND DECODING METHODS FOR  
IMAGE DATA

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 4-7 and 12-17 without prejudice or disclaimer.